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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the development of a proposal to establish
- 2 family courts in the judicial branch.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. FAMILY COURTS.
- The supreme court shall develop a proposal to establish
- 3 a family court in the judicial branch. The proposal shall
- 4 include a description of the powers and responsibilities of
- 5 the family court, an implementation schedule, budget, and an
- 6 outline for the relationship of the family court with the
- 7 department of human services, child welfare and delinquency
- 8 services providers, and other publicly funded providers of
- 9 services intended to stabilize families in this state. The
- 10 proposal shall include proposed statutory changes to implement
- 11 family courts and other recommendations identified by the
- 12 supreme court.
- 2. The supreme court shall submit the proposal to establish
- 14 a family court to the governor and general assembly on or
- 15 before December 1, 2014.
- 16 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 19 This bill requires the supreme court to develop a proposal
- 20 to establish a family court in the judicial branch. Certain
- 21 elements are to be included in the proposal. The proposal is
- 22 required to be submitted to the governor and general assembly
- 23 on or before December 1, 2014.